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SUBJECT: INFORMAL INVITATION TO SEC. KISSINGER TO

PARTICIPATE IN THE RED CROSS CONFERENCE ON PEACE.

REF: ZORN-KEANE (ARA/MEX) LETTER OF NOVEMBER 18, 1974.

1. EMBOFF MET JANUARY 14 WITH MR JOSE BARROSO, PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS CONFERENCE ON PEACE, TO DISCUSS INVITATION TO SEC. KISSINGER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN BELGRADE JUNE 11-13 REPEAT ELEVEN TO THIRTEEN (NOT JUNE 10-15 REPORTED IN REF). BARROSO SAID THAT THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON WHETHER TO PROFFER INVITATIONS TO THE OTHER WINNERS OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE PENDING INDICATION AS TO WHETHER THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY SECRETARY MIGHT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. BARROSO, WHO REQUESTED THAT EMBOFF SEE HIM AGAIN JANUARY 22, RECOGNIZED THAT IT IS RATHER EARLY TO EXPECT A DEFINITE COMMITMENT AND STRESSED THAT HE WAS MERELY REQUESTING AN ESTIMATE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT SECRETARY WILL ATTEND.

2. BARROSO SAID THAT IF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE ARE FORMALLY INVITED, EACH WILL BE REQUESTED TO GIVE A SPEECH ON PEACE. HE NOTED THAT THESE MEN HAVE

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PRESUMABLY DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO THIS SUBJECT

AND DOUBTLESSLY HAVE SOME VALUABLE INSIGHTS TO SHARE.

3 . EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES OF WORKING PAPERS OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO ARA/MEX AND USMISSION GENEVA. THESE INDICATE THAT THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN AND THIRD WORLD NATIONS. ALTHOUGH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RED CROSS OF CANADA AND FRANCE WERE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 23, 1974, IN GENEVA, NEITHER DID SO.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON RESPONSE TO BARROSO.

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